



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 8, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: 2000 Resource Bond Act Proposition 12 Per Capita Grant Program Funds For Los Baños Sewer Discharge Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations and estimated revenues in the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund by \$25,000, for a total grant of \$75,000, based on an accepted Proposition 12 Per Capita Grant Program Application by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

DISCUSSION:

On March 7, 2000, California voters approved the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, also known as Proposition 12. The intent of the Bond Act is to revive state stewardship of natural resources by investing in neighborhood parks and state parks, clean water protection, and coastal beaches and scenic areas.

Proposition 12 provided \$824.5 million for local projects, including \$338 million to be distributed on a per capita basis. The City of Santa Barbara's allocation for the Per Capita Grant Program is \$842,000. Parks and Recreation projects that benefit from per capita grant funds include the Franceschi Park Rehabilitation for \$300,000; Oak Park Bridge Replacement for \$130,000; Old Mission Creek Restoration at Bohnett Park for \$175,000; Dwight Murphy Park Sports Fencing and Bleacher Replacement for \$130,000; and the Tennis Lighting Control Project for \$57,000. Remaining funds of \$75,000 are allocated to the Los Baños Pool Discharge Project

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney _____ Name of Additional Department(s) That Need to Review CAR

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Los Baños Pool Discharge Project

Currently, when water from the Los Baños del Mar pool is emptied, it is discharged to a storm drain and then to the ocean. This method is not in compliance with the City's Storm Water Management Program and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act. The purpose of the Los Baños Pool Discharge Project is to construct a connection to a nearby sewer main, allowing the discharge water to be treated at the El Estero Treatment Facility.

In order to receive the Per Capita funds, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) requires the City to submit specific project applications once preliminary design and environmental review are complete. The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) complied with this requirement and received approval for the project funded at \$50,000 in September 2007. The Department subsequently determined that the cost of the project would be \$75,000 instead of \$50,000, and applied to State Parks for an increase in funding. The City received a letter of acknowledgement from State Parks on November 19, 2007 indicating that the application for an additional \$25,000 for the Los Baños Pool Discharge was accepted. The letter approval from State Parks provided the basis for putting the project out to bid. The project is currently under construction and will be complete in January 2008.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The cost of the project is now \$75,000 instead of \$50,000. The increased cost is due to a higher construction bid, need for an archeological monitor, and unexpected design, permit, and construction management costs. There is currently \$50,000 appropriated in the Parks and Recreation capital budget for this project. Therefore, the recommendation is to increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$25,000 for a total of \$75,000. The Proposition 12 grant will cover the entire cost of the project.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Historically, water from Los Baños pool and from backwashing the filters was discharged directly to the harbor. Although this was common practice at the time that the pool was constructed, it is no longer allowed under the Federal Clean Water Act. Discharge of this water to the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant will ensure that it meets the Ocean Plan Standards at the time of discharge.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office